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### PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D05PPN-02-2020

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District has received a proposal from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) with plans for modification of an existing highway fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Willoughby Bay, mile 1.5, at Norfolk, VA.

<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>: The proposed project is to modify the existing fixed highway bridge – I-64/US 60 (Hampton Roads Beltway/Willoughby Bay) Bridge which spans across the northeast portion of the Willoughby Bay at Norfolk, VA. The project will involve widening the existing two-lane eastbound and westbound structures into two four-lane structures. This will be done by constructing an additional vehicular lane on each side of the existing eastbound structure and constructing an additional vehicular lane on each side of the existing westbound structure. The purpose of the project is to relieve congestion at the I-64 HRBT in a manner that improves accessibility, transit, emergency evacuation, and military and goods movement along the primary transportation corridors in the Hampton Roads region, including I-64, I-664, I-564, and VA 164 corridors.

## **MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:**

<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Vertical Clearance:	Vertical Clearance:
25 feet above mean high water	25 feet above mean high water
Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel)	Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel)
50 feet between the bridge protective system	50 feet between the bridge protective system

North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88)

#### **SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:**

Mariners are requested to provide navigational information, such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on the waterway and nature of navigation (including the extent of nighttime navigation) on the waterway. Mariners are requested to comment on the navigational clearances and need for bridge protective systems, clearance gauges, and navigational lighting on the proposed bridge. Please submit the attached response form.

Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed project. Comments will be received for the record at the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 through 19 JUN 2020.

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HAL R. PITTS
Bridge Program Manager
By direction

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Attachments: (1) Response Form

# I-64/US 60 (Hampton Roads Beltway/Willoughby Bay) Bridge Willoughby Bay, mile 1.5, at Norfolk, VA

# **Preliminary Public Notice D05PPN-02-2020**

Response Form

It is requested that anyone having an interest in this proposed project, from the standpoint of navigation, submit vessel information, comments, and recommendations on this form to the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 by 19 JUN 2020.

Vessel Information	Please provide all requested information:
Vessel Type	
Use – Commercial and/or Recreational	
Vessel Height	
Draft	
Length	
Beam	
Tonnage	
Mooring Location	
Name (Optional):	
Address (Optional):	
Phone (Optional):	
Comments and Recommendations:	